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This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a

 continuation application of: divisional application of:Pending Prior ApplicationApplication No. 09/971,347 filed 10/04/01Title Method for Modifying Switching Field Characteristics of Magnetic Tunnel JunctionsName of applicant(s) Thomas Anthony; Lung T. Tran, Manish Sharma

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Copy of Application

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
 Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
 The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a  continuation  divisional  
of copending application number 09/971,347 filed on 10/04/01,  
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

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Other Amendments

Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

Cancel the following claims 1-24 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

The filing fee is calculated below for  Utility  Design

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TOTAL CLAIMS	7 — 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 — 3	0	X \$84	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$280	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design ( \$330.00 ); Utility ( \$750.00 )				\$ 750
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 750
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 750

Charge \$ 750 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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